

NOTE AND COMMENT

Mr. Borden's tour of Alberta, commencing at Lethbridge the middle of last week and ending at Vermilion on Thursday, was an unqualified success, so far as the size of the audiences which he attracted went. In the larger centres, the enormous crowds that assembled must have astonished the visitors. They were a striking evidence of the marvellous growth that has taken place in the population of this part of the west as well as of the intelligent interest which the people display in public affairs. At Edmonton on Wednesday the vast auditorium was crowded to the doors. Both the daily papers, the Saturday News is convinced, seriously under-estimated the number in attendance. Taking as a basis the seats that have been placed in the front part of the rink for several important musical attractions, we believe we are quite safe in saying that at least six thousand people were present when the leader of the opposition began his address.

It was a great occasion. Did Mr. Borden rise to it? In the picturesque language of Mr. Cockshutt, "the ice breaker" of the evening, we throw not. For the Conservative leader, the Saturday News has no small measure of admiration. He is a man of integrity, capacity and thorough earnestness. In Parliament he does credit to the great historic organization of which he is the head. The speeches of no member of the House of Commons make better reading in Hansard. But he is not a popular orator and it is not in him to sway an audience such as that which assembled to hear him on Wednesday evening. It was restless from the first and the contrast between the hearing, which it gave Mr. Borden and his principal supporter on this tour, Mr. Bergeron, was very marked. The latter, judged by purely intellectual standards, is not in the same class with his party chief, but he has at least one very important qualification that Mr. Borden lacks. He has magnetism!

Quite apart, however, from the immediate effect of his addresses on his hearers, did Mr. Borden elaborate any ideas, which in the minds of thoughtful people are likely to bear fruit? The Saturday News cannot see that he did. The government at Ottawa is open to criticism. But he and his associates did not take strong ground in making that criticism. They talked of scandals, but they did not mention the Blairmore townsite case, which, we are positive in stating, did more than anything else that has transpired since the Liberal Government came into power to weaken it in the confidence of the people of the west. The Toronto Weekly Sun, an independent journal if ever there was one, some months ago made very exhaustive investigation into the various scandal charges preferred by the Opposition, and came to the conclusion that in connection with the Blairmore case was the only one that had been fully proved. Why was nothing said about it in Alberta? Does this look like good politics?

Then the speakers had something to say about poor administration? We heard a great deal about the large increases in expenditure. But no one is likely to be stirred up very seriously by these. The country has been expanding at a tremendous rate since 1896 and it has been necessary to spend large sums to keep up with this growth. The government, has, at least, been able to do this without adding to any large extent to the national debt. The defence made by members of the cabinet, whose speeches against the large outlays of the old Conservative administration are now quoted against them, is adequate. The country didn't have the money to spend then, but it has now, and the people are quite content with the increased

outlay, so long as it is not being made wastefully or corruptly. We do not say that it has all been spent to good advantage and that no individuals have reaped an undeserved profit from it. There are many items of expenditure which can be justly criticized and which the Opposition has made the most of. But the great increases have been for objects that are approved of by the ordinary election.

In the West at least, it is the Government's failure to spend money rather than its extravagance that is a source of complaint. There is no department of its service which comes closer home to the mass of people than the post office, and in this connection it has fallen down most miserably. The postal service throughout Western Canada was for several years nothing short of a disgrace and is even yet far from what it should be. While the postmaster general was boasting about his surpluses, the people of the west were cursing his department day in and day out. Mr. Borden at Edmonton made no reference to all this and one of his supporters

At the Edmonton Golf Tournament



Mrs. Clarke, of Calgary, winner of the Ladies' Championship.



Mr. Graham, of Edmonton, runner-up in the championship, and Mr. Downey, of Calgary, winner of the handicap, who with 36 established a new record for the Edmonton course.



A group of players and spectators at one of the most successful events of its kind in the west. An extended notice appears on pages 7-8.

brought it to the attention of the audience but incidentally. Surely, none one has blundered?

As to the constructive features of Mr. Borden's programme, there are only three that are at all outstanding, his proposals for civil service reform, nationalization of telephone and telegraph, and extension of the powers of the railway commission, looking to the establishment of a general utilities commission. The ideas in each instance are first class. But his presentation of them will not sweep him into power.

Civil service reform is a much to be desired result. Mr. Borden is undoubtedly in earnest in trying to bring it about. But is there any guarantee that he will be able to swing his party around to such a measure? Mr. Whitney, the Conservative Premier of Ontario, could tell him something of the difficulties that a leader has to encounter in the disposal of offices after his party has been out of power for many years. Does anyone imagine that should Mr. Borden become Premier within the next year or so he would be able to make the civil service what he desires?

It is certain that he could not do so, unless the party had pledged itself in convention to support him. Herein lies his weakness in this as in other connections. The electors cannot be blind to the fact that it is his personal ideas, not those of his party, that he is advancing. Take the second plank just referred to, the nationalization of telephones and telegraphs. When he announced it at Halifax, the oldest and perhaps the most influential Conservative newspaper in the country, the Montreal Gazette, openly criticized it.

When the issue comes to be decided, how do we know who is going to prevail, Mr. Borden or the old-time Conservative elements for which the Gazette speaks?

In no position that he has taken up in recent years has Mr. Borden spoken for a united Conservative party. When he came out for public ownership and control of the new transcontinental railway, leading supporters, men of the Senator Drummond and E. B. Osler type, strongly controverted his opinions. A little over two years ago, on the school question, he was deserted by all but one of his followers in Quebec and by several in the other provinces. Mr. Bergeron would not have been in so affable a frame of mind when he rose to speak on Wednesday evening, if Mr. Borden had delivered one of the addresses that he made to London and North Oxford audiences in June, 1905.

The Saturday News, in discussing Mr. Borden, believes that it is speaking for the men who are open to conviction, who are not tied to any party, but who wish to see those in authority who are best calculated to advance the interests of the country. They recognize that conditions are far from satisfactory at Ottawa, and are prepared to give their earnest support to any leader who they believe will effect an improvement. But truth compels us to admit that we can see no prospect of this through the immediate return of Mr. Borden. It is necessary in the first place for him to get a better grip on his party. For the present it has ceased to be the national organization that it was under Sir John Macdonald. That Mr. Borden is the man to ever make it

so, we are very much disposed to doubt. If the Conservatives are wise, they should be on the look-out for another Moses. But if Mr. Borden should remain in the leadership, we are confident that he will have to wait beyond the next general election before he realizes his hopes of attaining to power.

There is enough political activity throughout Alberta just at present to make one think that a general election was imminent. But the Saturday News does not look for one for either House within a year. What has stirred the parties up is undoubtedly Mr. Borden's visit. Conservatives have been holding meetings prior to that event and their opponents evidently think it advisable not to let people think they are asleep. A provincial Liberal convention will be held in Calgary on Oct. 23rd, when the leaders expect it will be clearly demonstrated that prosperity has not affected in the least the fighting spirit of the party.

Two announcements of unusual political interest were made during the week. Capt. Thomas of Camrose has not waited for a Conservative convention to announce his candidacy for the House of Commons in Strathcona. He is an old-timer in the country, a man of restless energy, strong in his own district, a good speaker and a good fellow. But he will have his work cut out for him in trying to overcome the large majority which so useful a member, as Dr. McIntyre has proved himself to be, obtained at the last election. The constituency, of course, has been altered very largely but, even at that, the chances are decidedly against the gallant captain.

At the Borden meeting in Red Deer, Mr. George F. Root was referred to as the prospective Conservative candidate in that constituency. If he is given the nomination, he will make things very interesting for the government nominee. Red Deer is the closest constituency in the province and will see a battle royal in any case. Mr. Root is one of the many farmers of ability and experience in public affairs who have come into Alberta from the United States in recent years and is in every respect well fitted to take his place in parliament. He is, it should be noted, a cousin of Hon. Elihu Root, Mr. Roosevelt's Secretary of State and a foremost American public man of the day. The Conservatives would be fortunate in securing such a candidate.

A feature of Mr. Borden's Calgary meeting was the wonderful reception given Mr. McCarthy, the federal member for that city. Mr. McCarthy has been talking of retiring but it looks as if he has rendered himself practically indispensable to his party. There is no more popular representative at Ottawa and each year his

Distance Lends Enchantment

The Delicious Simplicity with which Things Were Managed in the Old Times.

Some more "Stutterings" by E. N. Barker, Carlton.

It is related that many years ago the great Duke of Wellington, The Iron Duke, was taken to a gallery to see a large oil painting that was making a sensation but was very broadly painted, we think by Turner, the color being laid on with a palette knife in large blobs. The Duke went too near and looking at the picture observed with disgust "call that painting?" But he retired further away and as he recalled he granted, then exclaimed "My God it is, yes it is, painting." Thus having provided one instance of the fact that distance lends enchantment to the eye we may let you in on the ground floor and give an instance of the delicious simplicity with which some things were managed in old times and gave unbounded satisfaction to those partaking.

In the old town of Macleod, which was then our principal rendezvous, court was held. This is sometimes rather slow and dry work and as most of the residents of that eminent borough, as an eminent attorney recently remarked, were in the habit of partaking steadily of the elixir of life, a too long session of court without any refreshment was upsetting to the even current of events and deleterious to the nerve centres, one of the principal nerve centres being situated in the pit of the stomach where the prize fighters reach for the solar plexus blow.

So there being a sympathy between all parties on this subject, and a common ground of agreement upon the matter, at intervals the court agreed to adjourn for all to take a drink, though it was not expressed in quite such plain ordinary phraseology as we are now using. At the word or sign whatever it was, and there is a delicate indescribable affinity between minds fixed upon the same object, or as the governor of one state delicately suggested to the governor of another state the sign manual was passed and the judge and the jury, the court officers, the sheriff, the counsel for the plaintiff and the counsel for the defendant, the witnesses, the prisoner at the bar and all the smaller fry drifted down the street, in this strictly prohibition town, following one another as you see ducks when dry going to water, and some one set 'em up. The needs of the inner man and the nerve centres being properly pacified the crowd drifted back to the court room, and being more settled in spirit, took up the cause where left off till the machinery needed oiling again.

It is a well settled maxim that too long a drought upsets the equilibrium of forces and results in general disaster. So this Arcadian method of settling things was strictly in keeping with the times and occasioned no injudicious criticism from the press.

THE LIGHTING PROBLEM.

The question of providing lights in a far away shack at night, when travelling was difficult, was a source of frequent trouble for trips to town were none too frequent and coal oil is difficult stuff to haul with anything else, especially different kinds of grub, in a dead axle wagon. For if left to itself, and even when carefully watched, it has a faculty of crawling all over the wagon and when the grub is unloaded every thing either smells or tastes of coal oil, which, after a few months as a flavoring, becomes monotonous. So that at times when it had not been convenient to haul coal oil it ran short and other sources of light had to be sought. The only feasible substitute, and the last resort, was the placing of a piece of rag in some

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The Week in Calgary

As Reviewed by the Correspondent of the Saturday News

Mr. Bennett and His Charges—Activity in Athletics—The Beauties of Rugby Football—The Impression Left by Mr. Borden.

The character of the local events during the past week or two indicates that "the season" is dawning again in Calgary. We are rising "from the long, long night to the ecstasy of day" once more. The clubs are out-fitting their winter's work. The Canadian Club has sprung into the limelight after a two months' sista, the Young Men's and St. Mary's Clubs are going to have mock parliaments again, the Y.M.C.A. will have the Alexander hall for gatherings of various kinds and promises to be a real factor from now on in Calgary life. The Round-up Club will have various events heard from once more, and there's talk of orations and other good things. The announcement that Mr. Percy L. Newcombe is going to undertake something ambitious in the choral line is received with great satisfaction by music lovers generally. Mr. Newcombe is thoroughly capable of handling a big thing in the realm of music, and his effort will be watched with great faith as to its success. His work this year will be the production of Handel's Messiah by a chorus of 125.

There's a movement also in the organization of fall and winter sports. Up to this point the hockey team have not been heard from, but rugby football is receiving serious consideration. Calgary has done well this season in amateur athletics, and it's to be hoped the impetus given by the winning of lacrosse and association football championships will gain in volume. The city which can produce lacrosse and association football players has lots of material in splendid training for rugby football. There's no reason why the type of rugby played by the Eastern Canadian colleges, or the snap back variety of the O.R.F.U. should not become very popular in the west. With all due deference to association enthusiasts, it has to be admitted that rugby has gained a very great popularity where it has been played, and that it is deserving of it. From the standpoint of both players and spectators it is a decided success, affording opportunity as it does not alone for the exhibition of brute strength but for strategy of a high order.

The snap back and college games have been remarkably free from the fatalities and other serious accidents which have marred the history of the game on the other side of the line, and which have at last rendered a revision of the American game necessary. Canadian rugby has been and is a clean, hard, manly game, and its advent in the west would be a decided boon to the athletic world. The objection sometimes made that it is a "dangerous" game need scarcely be taken seriously. One reply is sufficient in any event: there are more men hurt by lack of such games as rugby than by participation therein.

Registration for the university convocation has been exciting a good deal of attention in the Calgary dailies of late. The subject is well worth the space. Your correspondent has referred to the matter several times in this department, and his opinions remain unchanged. A considerable influence can be exerted by the graduates of the southern part of the province in the moulding of Alberta's university. It won't be impossible for a member of the Senate residing in Calgary to attend its meetings. The registration fee is only a nominal one and is not an annual levy. It must be admitted that there is truth in the Alberta's claim that the affairs of a university are largely dominated by those living in its vicinity. Nevertheless the vote of the southern alumnus is just as big as that of the Northern. If the worst comes to the worst there will always be a choice among the Edmonton candidates for the Senate. It might be strange that it would well be worth two thousand dollars to have the privilege in sharing in the defeat of some of them. Then so long as there are a number of votes in the south, the senate must give heed to the opinion represented thereby. Really there seems to be pretty good value offered for the money—to say nothing of the duty involved.

Not those who alone were so courageous as to secure shares some time ago and are now so fortunate as to possess them are rejoicing over the discovery of gas by the Calgary Natural Gas Company, but the whole city is congratulating itself on this addition to its many natural advantages. The find is worthy of the optimism it has caused. There is really a very fine flow, and the experts in charge of operations say that this will be increased when drilling is resumed. Gas at 25 cents per thousand is a boon not lightly to be esteemed by any city. Truly Calgary has naturally much to commend it. It's to be hoped it won't be spoiled in the making.

The selection of hospital plans continues to be managed in a bungling manner. It has been only after very vigorous protest that medical men were given an opportunity to express opinions on the plans—and then the permission was given very ungraciously. The doctors weren't asked to help—simply told that they might. Truly they ought to receive this token of condescension with much awe and humility!

Speaking of amusements "and such like," the Shakespearean readings given by Mr. George R. Williams were a real treat. Mr. Williams is a Shakespearean scholar of wide repute, and as an impersonator of the characters of the bard of Avon stands in the foremost rank. Critics generally are prone to speak of his inimitable presentation of "comic parts, never failing to make special mention of his interpretation of Sir John Falstaff. Mr. Williams is good in the heavy roles as well as the light, however, and there is always a very satisfactory contribution to one's appreciation of a Shakespearean play, in hearing Mr. Williams' rendering of it. In King Henry the Fourth and Much Ado About Nothing he was equally good. Those who heard him for the first time and those to whom Mr. Williams is an old friend alike have their appetites whetted for more of the same sort of literary work.

There is much satisfaction over the statement of Chairman Killam of the railway commission that there will be no tie-up on the railroads this winter. There is no possible excuse at present, for one. There will be an enormous movement of freight into the west this winter.

It's a funny response that Chief English has made to the grave charge of Alderman Samis. To sum up, Mr. A. P. Frost and Alderman Samis as the principal witnesses in a procedure against a disorderly house is ridiculous, but it's quite a lot more. It convicts the chief of the city of being a petty mean. Those who were unwilling to pass the severe censure that many are doing to the chief was actually given to us at last have had their patience pretty well exhausted by his conduct.

Alderman Graves and other members of the light committee have cleared themselves, in respect to the insinuation made against them by Mr. R. B. Bennett, with a thoroughness which leaves nothing to be desired. They were few who were willing to believe that there was any ground for the charges; at the same time, there are a number who take the denials with a real sense of relief. The electric light department has been capably administered in this the first year of municipal control. It will yield a revenue for the year of \$20,000, Calgary's citizens were beginning to take pride in it, and they are glad that the men in charge have shown themselves, in the face of the strong searchlight which has been turned upon them, to be honest as well as competent.

As for R. B. Bennett, the transaction has lowered him very considerably in the opinion of those who have watched the affair. This alone is a thing far more than the pulpit. With the exception of Rev. Mr. Patterson, none of the ministers in the larger churches have uttered a word in support of the stand of the alderman. The Calgary pulpit cannot be charged with indifference, but it certainly can be charged with lack of leadership. And it may as well be said that at present the appearances are that denominational jealousy is blinding the ministers of the city of Calgary to one of the most favorable openings for a campaign of moral reform which could occur. What could possibly be more appropriate than that the ministers should unite in the question, and that its members should join in an agitation for an advance step in the realization of a clean city? That the ministerial assembly hasn't held a meeting for ages, and a whole lot of people, including some of the ministers, no doubt, are aware of its existence. Not one church, nor even one of the organizations for the improvement of morals, has given any heed to the question. It is not written in its true. If the police committee is indifferent, the churches are not less so.

when he leaves the realm of honorable argument and diplomacy to descend to bull-dozing. Such incidents as the one under discussion are fortunately not yet common in the Canadian West. It is to be hoped that the tone of public life and the character of the legal profession will continue to make them rare.

The visit of Mr. R. L. Borden, of Halifax, leader of the Conservative party in the Dominion parliament, was received with as great interest by the moderate party man as by the fanatics and bigots amongst either Conservatives or Liberals. Under our admirable system of government there is no minor or all this wide land who has more influence on the affairs of the country and the quality of its citizenship than the leader of the opposition with the lone exception of the Premier himself. It ought to be, then, and is, a matter of satisfaction to all truly loyal Canadians to see at the head of our parties two men of the great ability and irreproachable character possessed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. R. L. Borden.

The Liberal wishes a foe man worthy of his steel; the Conservative is inspired by the same impulse. Laurier and Borden are the Nelson and Wellington of Canada today. Laurier has reached the position where he needs no tribute. He is one of the ablest statesmen and most picturesque personalities that this country, or any other, for that matter, has known. Borden is the younger man, and his name as yet is not a household word, but his character is unimpeachable, his calibre of the very first rank, and his platform sound, logical and progressive. He appeals not by the art of a silver tongued orator or the burning outbursts of the radical, but by an unimpeachable loyalty and statesmanlike logic. He is competent to inspire both courage and confidence, and is doing it. So far as the leaders of the two parties are concerned, Canadians might entrust the affairs of their country without fear that their trust would be either misplaced or betrayed.

The suburban question is becoming a very live one in Calgary. Growing pains will continue to be frequent, however, and might as well be taken philosophically. The agitators in the Hillhurst neighborhood improvements points a moral which it would be well for other districts to heed. The Hillhursters are crying for improvements, and every body admits they need them, particularly those who have had to wander over there after dark. The pathless forest is a cinch compared with an unlighted and unimproved suburban after nightfall. But the city recognizes no pauper district, and its council has very sensibly told the Hillhurst people that they can have the improvements—when they're ready to help pay for them. The average urbanite considers himself a sufficiently patriotic citizen when he has paid for his own share of sidewalk and mains without doing so for those who are dwelling in sylvan bliss far from the maddening glare of the city lights. The former is compelled to spend all his time. "Pay up or shut up" may be an inelegant way of closing the discussion, but the city council and a whole lot more people believe it, a very wise policy to follow on the suburban improvement question.

It cannot be said that the efforts of any class of citizens to second Alderman Samis' efforts in the line of moral reform have been very energetic. The news has done some thing far more than the pulpit. With the exception of Rev. Mr. Patterson, none of the ministers in the larger churches have uttered a word in support of the stand of the alderman. The Calgary pulpit cannot be charged with indifference, but it certainly can be charged with lack of leadership. And it may as well be said that at present the appearances are that denominational jealousy is blinding the ministers of the city of Calgary to one of the most favorable openings for a campaign of moral reform which could occur. What could possibly be more appropriate than that the ministers should unite in the question, and that its members should join in an agitation for an advance step in the realization of a clean city? That the ministerial assembly hasn't held a meeting for ages, and a whole lot of people, including some of the ministers, no doubt, are aware of its existence. Not one church, nor even one of the organizations for the improvement of morals, has given any heed to the question. It is not written in its true. If the police committee is indifferent, the churches are not less so.

Ald. Graves' statement "It appears that if Mr. Bennett can't get what he wants by fair means he will by foul" was apparently none too strong. Insinuations were made against the statement, but it was left unrefuted by both the editor and the manager of the Cement Company.

The conduct of the solicitor, looked at in a fair, unbiased light, appears distinctly unmanly. There is a large element in the legal profession which will not admit that the characters of opponents may be ruined in order to advance commercial ends. It is a pitiable admission of weakness that a lawyer makes

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The Secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Association Replies to Mr. Clay's Observations on the Live Stock Industry in the Province

We observed a most readable and instructive article in the September number of the Farm and Ranch Review from the pen of Mr. J. H. Clay, the veteran cattleman of Chicago. As this article was not credited to any other publication, we take it that it was written expressly for the Review and for North Western consumption. The apparent object was to inform the farmer and small stockman of Alberta that they are entering upon a golden era in the history of live stock production. While there was much to commend and little to criticize in this article, there were a couple of remarks which Mr. Clay made and one that he did not make which are worthy of special consideration.

Mr. Clay calls attention to the fact that because of the advent of the "granger" large areas formerly devoted exclusively to grazing are now being broken up and the big ranchers of ten and fifteen years ago are being driven out of business. That as railroads come, dressed beef plants will locate at favorable points. These must be supplied every day in the week and every week and month in the year. With the large ranches broken there will be a shortage in the supply which will have to be made up from the outside. "Then," says Mr. Clay, "will come the hour of the stockman." "History," says he, "repeats itself," but he does not make it clear whether this historical repetition is to take place in the packers going abroad for supplies to keep their plant in operation, and the consequent enjoyment of good prices by the farmers and several stockmen, or whether it is the basis of the prediction that our land will be many years before it begins raising and not until it has begun to show signs of impoverishment will the farmers turn their attention to live stock; but since history repeats itself, we think it is likely to do so in one thing as it is in another, and that during that period of transition between the days of the big ranches and the days of the small farmer every farmer will be a producer of live stock who remains in the business will enjoy an era of prosperity. Our judgment tells us this, whether it is an historical repetition or not.

HOW ABOUT THE NORTH?

But we have reason to believe that Mr. Clay's acquaintance with Alberta is confined to the south. His references are all to Calgary and the Bow. Those of us who have lived here any length of time have observed that while the big ranchers of the Bow were going out of business, farmers and small ranchers along the North Saskatchewan, Battle and Vermilion rivers were starting up, and have been steadily making good any deficiency caused by the "passing of the range." For six years we have been reading of the "doom of the cow boy." Each year the press has published the names of ranching companies that were going out of business, but during all that time the price of beef cattle has been practically the same. In spite of the diminishing output along the Bow, in spite of increasing consumption of meat in British Columbia and the Yukon, in spite of increased railway facilities, our home demand has been fully met and our railways are taxed to their utmost to transport our export stuff. The shortage in supply in the South has been more than covered by the surplus in the North. Besides, there are large tracts along the foot hills whose altitude and latitude make them suitable only for grazing and the production of coarse grains and roots. These to the profitable must be fed, and as soon as feeding is profitable the stockman will be there. Likewise to the eastward and on the north side of the North Saskatchewan there is another Great Lone Land whose remoteness from railways will for many years make it only a cattle producing country. Prospectors have penetrated a hundred miles north of any settlement, and squatters are far in advance of the surveyors. Live stock must, for many years be their only hope.

All of these things will tend to shorten that period during which supplies will have to come from the outside, and in doing so they will likewise shorten the era in which the small stockman is assured of profitable prices for his products. But as there are many of us who hope to live beyond that time, the thought naturally arises in our minds, what kind of history is going to repeat itself there? Mr. Clay gives us no definite information on this point. That is the remark he did not make, and we are left to speculate on it as best we can.

THE HOG PROPAGANDA.

About ten years ago there went forth in the north west a new propaganda. The press and immigration agents were everywhere proclaiming it. It was: "There is money in raising hogs." "Farmers, feed your pigs, graze your hogs and you will double your money." Packing houses were built at favorable points. The farmers heeded the

admonition and in the course of six or seven years there was a supply forthcoming for every day in the week, and even on the week-ends. The packers were saying "the hogs are here and they cannot get away; there are enough to go around and we might as well have them at our own price" and the price went down to half the cost of production. Some sold their hogs at 3c per lb, and some for 2 1/2c; some took their home and turned them out, while others killed theirs and cured the meat and sold it in the towns and villages close by. This is history, it is sworn to and on file with the beef commission, and it may be that this is what will repeat itself when the Golden Era is passed. Mr. Clay referred to an "underground arrangement" whereby Gordon and Ironsides buy only one class of cattle and Mr. Burns another. This may repeat itself also when there is enough for all.

THE "BOONINGS" OF "CUBANOS"

Although Mr. Clay offers nothing definite on the above point, he does however intimate that eventually the trade will regulate itself automatically. He says the supply of meat falls off in the coolers, the demand in the yards is quickened and thus reflects in the country. Then there comes a time as it did last spring when mutton got so high the average housewife would not buy it, and demand being curtailed, prices declined. It may take some time for such a regulation to prevail in the north west of Canada, but it will come. It is an economic condition which cannot be throttled by man or any other organization of men. This is a plain declaration of the supremacy of the law of supply and demand. It is a most excellent and lucid illustration of an elementary economic principle, but it might be just as well for farmers to bear in mind that under modern business methods ELEMENTARY economic principles get "queered."

THE DAVIES' DIVIDENDS

For evidence of this one need not go further than the page on which Mr. Clay's views appear; here we find an article headed "Profit in Pork Packing." From this article it appears that the affairs of the Wm. Davies Pork Packing Co. became a matter of litigation and that in order to adjudicate them it was necessary for the court to know the exact dividends which had been declared by it. The statement submitted shows that the exact dividends paid by this company in the past thirteen years ranged from 12 per cent. to 120 per cent; the average of dividends during that time was 47 1/2 per cent and the total dividends paid were \$1000 in 1904, had at the close of 1906 drawn out as net profits \$6100 and was still possessed of property from which he could draw a total of \$10,000 for 1907. All this happened in Eastern Canada. It took place after that country had passed from the "wild and civilized" in British Columbia, for the farmers had entered largely into hog raising and were providing the packers with a supply for every day in the week, Sunday excepted, and every week in the year. It transpired in a portion of the western hemisphere where a great many people believe the law of supply and demand has had a good chance to assert itself as it ever did in Chicago, and yet even there an average net profit of 47 1/2 per cent could be maintained for 13 years in an industry that is one of the most competitive and is protected by few patents and secret processes.

After studying these figures carefully we cannot help wondering what it is that gets reflected back to the farms. Certainly not an equal division of profits, and these figures together with the disclosures before the beef commission force us to the conclusion that the meat industry has for 13 years in an industry that is one of the most competitive and is protected by few patents and secret processes.

THE OBJECTS OF THE A.F.A.

It is against the possibility of a repetition of history of the kind that the Alberta Farmers' Association has squarely set itself, and is demanding that the "Trustful Government" establish a plant for the curing and canning of meat. Not that it expects it to do all of the business, but that it will occupy the same position in this that the Dominion Government does in the money remitting systems. The man with one thousand dollars and one thousand dollars to transmit does so by bank draft or express money order; but the laboring man or artisan who wishes to send home his weekly wages, the farmer who wishes to remit the subscription price of his agricultural publications, and his wife who sends away for a garment,

she cannot secure at the village store, all employ the government postal system because to them it is the symbol of security and fair dealing and this sense of security and fair dealing must lie at the bottom of every business in order to make it of real permanent value to the community. In exactly the same way will the man with his one thousand or more head of cattle or hogs seek the private concerns for special prices, he can use the telephone or telegram to avoid "slumps" or take advantage of "bulges" in the market, but the farmers and small stockmen who live in remote districts must feel that there is for them a market every day in the week, except Sunday, and every week in the year, where they will get a "square deal." Constancy of market is as essential to their business as constancy of supply to the packer, and if Alberta packers are ever compelled to go to the outside for supplies it will be no more because the big rancher of the south was driven out of business for the want of range than because the small rancher of the north was forced out of business from the want of a market.

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[Notes from an Irishman's Note-Book]

THE BUGLE BAND

[After Kipling]

I'm a bloke as likes good moosie; an' on Guest-night always stand
In the barriek-square a-smokin' an' A-list'nin' to the band,
W'en beneath the mess-room windows, all A-baze with yellow light,
The cornet player's solo is a-throbbin' on the night,
Like a woman's voice a-singin', or the piccolo in 'card Comin' floatin' through the darkness
Like the singin' of a bird.
Yes, s'elp me! I like moosie as I does a glass o' beer—
P'r'it's-organ—square-pianny, then bloom'n' songs ye 'ear,
At them Temperance galls for soldiers, organized by 'oly Joes,
W'ere they fills ye up with tea and buns
An' m'ugic lantern shows.
Yes! I likes all sorts o' moosie—but
There's none so sweet I know,
As the rowdy-dowdy chorus that the band o' bugles blow.
For it's 'appy an' it's gay wot the band o' bugles play,
They're so cheery the weary
On the 'ot an' dusty way,
With their callin' an' their singin',
Now a-fallin', now a-ringin'
W'y they'd make a bloom'n' 'cripple
March is twenty mile a day.

There is some as doesn't like 'em—can't abide 'em any how,
W'at! There ain't no moosie in 'em?
Think they make an' 'orrid row?
Well, p'raps you'd think as I does if you wore a jacket green,
Follow'd 'em as long as I 'ave, and bin cheered as I 'ave been,
By their saucy, springy quick-step, even the sun would fire a shell.
W'en heef was short, an' water scarce, an' I wish'd myself in 'ell,
I remember when we got the route for the heast in ninety-three,
An' march'd in the dark an' 'pouri'n' rain to the troopship by the quay.
We cheer'd as we went through the empty streets; but my word, when you rise at five,
Yer voice comes up from the sole of yer boots, and you feel more dead than alive,
We raised such a feeble cackle that I 'card the Colonel say:
'Hi! stop that blawsted 'owl in front, and let the bugler play!'
For it's 'in, 'ip, 'ooay w'en the band o' bugles say,
'Don't you mind ye wot's behind ye,
All the future's bright an' gay;
Chuck off sorrow an' a sighin'
For the mornin' will be lyin'
And afore you're 'alf awoken'd all its light will pass away.'

Then if 'ear some bloom'n' chump jeer w'en the bugles play,
I wish 'ed bin with 'twelve o' us on escort dooty-lay
With eighty murderin' Chins in front, and wummen an' sick behind.
An' 'eard the bugle band approach, 'e'd change his bloom'n' mind!
We'd twenty round a-piece—no more, an' arranged, with slange dum-dum, we'd march
The nineteenth round for the wummen folk w'en the final rush should come—
W'en Bugler Connors, one o' the sick, who'd bin firin' next to me,
Say: 'Allo Tom, I there's the bugle band a-soundin' loud and free.'
I thought 't a sick man's fancy, till I sees the leadin' four
Of a column comin' towards us, with a bugle band before.
Then 'e pointed to the bugles with a most on-Christmas smile,
Cough'd up a pool of blood, an' larf'd an' 'erm'd around, an' died.

They seem to me to say—in their brazen, jerky way—
'Where we need ye there we'll lead ye,
We will bring ye where we may,
Whether up beyond the sky—
Or down where the stars fry.
Yer soul is bound to follow where the bugles lead the way!'

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PERSONALIA

Accompanying the Borden party were two prominent eastern journalists, Mr. B. K. Sandwell of the Montreal Daily Herald and Mr. C. F. Hamilton of the Toronto News. While hard-working newspapermen of long experience, they have each found time to do no inconsiderable literary work. Mr. Sandwell's verse has been reproduced on several occasions in the Saturday News. He is a graduate of Upper Canada College, where he was head boy in the early nineties and of the University of Toronto. One of his first newspaper connections was with the London Sketch. Before going to the Herald, he was editor of the Hamilton Post.

Mr. Hamilton first came into the limelight as the Toronto Globe special correspondent in South Africa. After the battle of Paardeberg, he scored the biggest "scoop" in Canadian newspaper history. The Globe with his story, giving an account of the battle and a complete list of the Canadian killed and wounded was the only morning newspaper in the country giving anything regarding the historic engagement. At present Mr. Hamilton is engaged in a controversy, which has attracted much attention, with the London Spectator over the treatment given the Englishmen in Canada. Messrs Sandwell and Hamilton represent their respective papers at Ottawa during the session of parliament.

Mr. W. A. Brown, former general superintendent of the C.N.R., has been appointed to the post, that of general manager of the Western division of the Canadian Northern Railway with headquarters at Edmonton. He will assume his new duties on Oct. 15. The choice of such a man for such a post serves to show the importance which Edmonton has attained as a C.N.R. point.

Mr. W. E. Ball of Revillon Bros.' New York house, one of the first authorities on fur in the world, is paying a visit to Edmonton.

On Wednesday the Conservatives of the Edmonton district held a convention at the rooms on Howard street and chose the following officers: Honorary president, R. L. Borden, K.C., M.P.; President, W. A. Griesbach, Edmonton; First vice president, L. J. Lambert, ex-M.L.A.; St. Albert; second vice president, J. G. F. Bown, K.C., Edmonton; treasurer, Lucien Dubuc, Edmonton; Executive committee, A. F. Newell, Edmonton; Dr. Quessell, Morinville; F. M. Knight, Daughy; H. M. E. Evans, Pembina; Dr. D. J. Dunn and J. W. Cunningham, Edmonton. The appointment of secretary was left to the president. Before adjournment the convention was addressed by Dr. Reid, M.P., Grenville, Ont., M. S. McCarthy, M.P., Calgary, E. W. Day, Daysland, and Mayor Griesbach. The convention was presided over by H. L. Landry, convenor and vice president of the provincial association with Jackson Hanby as secretary.

Ald. Thomas Daley returned on Wednesday night from New Westminster, where he has been in charge of the Edmonton exhibit at the fair in that city. Edmonton, Calgary and Strathcona were all well represented.

Mr. J. D. Allan, who in addition to being a member of the well known firm of A. A. Allan and Co. wholesale furrier, is a prominent Toronto Liberal, being his party's candidate in West Toronto at the general election before last, paid a business visit to Edmonton on Monday.

Toronto Saturday Night publishes a sketch of Premier Rutherford, which concludes as follows:

"This summer Mr. Rutherford attended the educational conference of the Empire in England. Since his return the preliminary steps are being taken for the opening of the university at Strathcona. It is an ideal spot for an institution of learning, being situated on the high and wooded bluffs of the Saskatchewan. It is this man, who has had so much to do with the formation of the educational system of Alberta, that Toronto University honored last week.

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Capt. Thomas of the Camrose Mail makes the following announcement in the last issue of his paper: "Inasmuch as we are led to believe that a general election will likely take place in the not distant future, and believing the time to be fully ripe for the people to be represented in parliament by one pledged to certain much needed reforms touching matters of importance concerning our

Western people's welfare, after due and careful consideration, I have been persuaded by my friends to allow my name to be placed in the hands of the returning officer at the next federal election as a candidate for the Strathcona constituency. I, Berville Thomas, Camrose. Mr. E. A. Partidge of Saint Alata, Sask., a prominent figure in agricultural circles in the neighboring province and head of the Grain Growers' Grain Co., which some months ago was engaged in a spirited controversy with the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was the victim of a very serious accident recently, while engaged in harvesting operations. The horses attached to his binder ran away and he was dragged a quarter of a mile. One foot which had come into contact with the knives was almost severed.

A public banquet was tendered Mr. E. A. Fox in Ponoka on his retirement from the management of the Bank of Commerce in that town. Mr. Fox has been promoted to North Battleford. Mayor McKinnell presided at the banquet and the table was to be found the leading man of both town and district.

Mr. Francois Adam, of Camrose, left last Tuesday on a six months' visit to Belgium, and other parts of Europe.

Hon. Frank Oliver left for Ottawa on Friday last, attending the Vegreville fair en route.

The Wetaskiwin party consisting of ex-Mayor McKay, Ex-Alderman Gould and Messrs. Nunnely and Viau which left on the 25th of July for the Yellow Head Pass has been returned, after an absence of nearly two months.

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mr. A. J. Robertson M.P.P., leader of the Alberta opposition, on the death of his three year old son, which occurred in Nanton as the result of an accident on Sept. 26. He was run over by a wagon being taken through the town by a traction engine.

Dr. W. D. Ferris returned to Edmonton on Wednesday from attending the Canadian Medical Association in Montreal. On his return trip he visited the clinics in Chicago and the Mayo Brothers of Rochester, Minn.

Mr. John Cormack has retired from the legal firm of Noel, Noel and Cormack, and has formed a partnership with Mr. H. A. Mackie.

DISTANCE LENDS ENCHANTMENT

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rendered out bacon grease. The name of that light we will not here repeat but it will not be found in modern encyclopedias with foot or marginal notes designed to give information to the young and undeveloped mind. It suffices to say that though the light produced enabled you to find matches or move about the shack it was not vivid enough to read by and always sputtered and smelt. This is one of the things we are thankful has passed away though coal oil is 50 cents per gallon in our town and just five times the price we used to pay for it down east not long ago, and just half the price we paid for it when it came in from Renton by bull team after a journey up the Missouri river on a steam boat and after being transhipped many times. But we obtained better oil in those days though there was often a little water in it but not as much as in the stocks we buy later. American oil for some years has been going up in America and American oil has been going down in price in Europe. — E.N.B.

Note and Comment

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ment of his attitude that he gave in Toronto. There is no evading the alternative. If we are going to act apart from Great Britain in matters of foreign policy, we must establish and maintain adequate armed forces of our own. Or if we do not go this far, but simply ask to be treated as a partner in the Empire with the Motherland, acting in conjunction with her on terms of equality, we must bear our fair share of the Empire's burdens.

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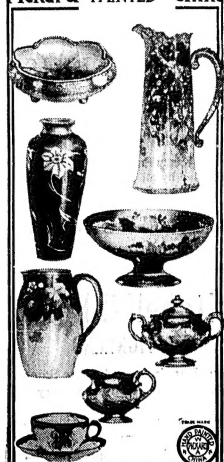
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The Exhibits at Cardston.

Cardston, Oct. 2.—The Cardston Fair was held on Sept. 26 and 27 with the first day fine. The second day was not so good as to weather but still did not stop the public from coming in, though the attendance was not anything like what it would have been had the harvest been more forward and the farmers not quite so busy. The fair, however, was a success financially and also from a spectacular point of view. It is the aim of this association to make the agricultural end the big end and that the fair should be an agricultural show. There is no section of Coney Island and no horse racing at Cardston yet the fair has been a distinct success for two years and grows in popularity. The piece de resistance in the evening is the musical competition which draws competitors from many points around and furnishes entertainment and excitement to the visitors. Some of our visitors this year declared that this musical competition was the finest of its kind they have ever been present at, and it undoubtedly does the district a great deal of good as the progress made within the year, between one contest and the last, will testify. So it would seem there is no necessity for fair associations to hire poor vaudeville at an enormous expense to draw crowds if they can organize home talent to help out the fair. The musical end is the particular study of the president of the association, Mr. Frank Leavitt, who has made a great hit with this two years running.

The horse exhibit at Cardston showed great advance made in the last year, and though, owing to the busy season, there were not so many entries in the young classes of agricultural horses in the pure bred division there was a most marked improvement and the horse show was voted to have been decidedly good, consisting of a strong entry in Clydes and Percherons, three coach horses and several trotting horses. Not only was there a good showing of draft stallions but also of mares and colts. Sixty six horses were exhibited mostly pure bred.

Cattle were few but those on exhibition were decidedly good short-horns and show the upward trend. Sheep were scarce but hogs more numerous and a decided improvement over last year's exhibit. Eighty pens of chickens took some judging and the entry was strong in Rocks, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and Leghorns with a few turkeys, geese and ducks.

The other big end of the show was the vegetable exhibit, certainly better than anything seen before in Southern Alberta. In fact this part of the fair was a revelation to those who live here. Competition was keen in this division especially among the potato growers who are trying many new varieties. Cabbages and turnips were immense with the field roots good enough for any land. There were several good exhibits of corn in the ear ready for the pot. The fruit exhibit, i.e., in small fruits, shows an advance.

In threshed grain there was distinct falling down for very little grain has been threshed and could not be exhibited, still the few samples shown would grade well. Sheep grain and the grasses were much better, especially the grasses. It is another part of the policy of this association to pay marked attention to this end as being one of the most important parts of our structure as a people so that the entry in grasses and fodder crops was excellent and created most favorable comments from all who saw it so much so that the Department of Agriculture, through Mr. Craig who was present, requested that a part of the exhibit become the property of the provincial government for demonstration purposes through the coming winter. This request will be acceded to and a large box of sample grasses and grains will soon go north, consisting of many varieties of fine growth.

Brome grass six feet high and Timothy five feet and over, with bundles of clover nearly four feet and Alfalfa over this in height, not shown by one man but by several many miles apart and grown without irrigation, rather upset the theories of the arid belt so distinguished in our annals. The display of needlework by the ladies was also a strong feature. The total entry was over 600 and the fair purely agricultural and educational from end to end. Though new buildings were put up these will be paid for out of this year's proceeds.

E.N.B.

Sunny Alberta.

Attorney General Cross has granted leave to enter action against the C.P.R. for operating freight trains on Sunday out of Strathcona and Wetaskiwin, two divisional points on the railway, in contravention of the Lord's Day Act. A former case against the C.P.R. on similar charges was dismissed by the court on a

technicality. It is probable that the merits of these charges will be fully tried and the efficiency of the law tested.

Rev. S. A. Lawrence of Pincher Creek has declined the call extended him by St. Luke's church, Red Deer.

The Presbyterian manse at Penhold, the personal property of Rev. Mr. Simpson, was destroyed by fire last week. There was no insurance on the building or its contents. The Inisfail Free Lance says: "This is a very distressing case as the minister, wife and child, also the minister's brother and sister, are practically destitute save what garments they had on. The family had only moved from Scotland the past spring and all their effects, many of which were heirlooms in the family, were also destroyed. The neighbors suspect the manse was robbed and the house burned to hide the theft."

Two boys, each 8 years old, named Hargraves and Schwerdtfeger, were playing with a shot gun in a barn in Stettler, when the latter discharged it, inflicting such a wound in Hargraves's abdomen that he died shortly after.

The Church of Christ at Vermilion was dedicated last Sunday in September.

The Frank Paper says: "The Rev. H. R. Grant has been appointed by the government to the permanent chairmanship of the joint arbitration committee provided for in the present agreement between the Western Coal Operators' association and the United Mine Workers of America. The committee is composed of three members of the operators' association and three members of the union. At the last meeting several matters could not be settled as the vote was a tie. Under the agreement, the government was asked to appoint a chairman for the committee who shall cast the deciding vote in such cases and the government has named the Rev. Grant. The appointment should prove very satisfactory as so far as his knowledge of mining affairs avails him, Mr. Grant will give both sides a square deal. That much is assured."

The Conservatives of Wetaskiwin have elected the following officers: President, W. J. Loggie, barrister; vice president, Freeman Kelley; secretary-treasurer, E. A. Baily; executive, Mayor McEachren, J. F. Fowler, W. J. Stephenson, R. M. Angus, E. D. McLaughlin, J. Bruce, L. R. Rix, G. P. Spencer and W. H. Eggleston.

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(James Whitcomb Riley in the October Century.)
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It seems so long ago.

So long since John was here!
He went so young—our Jim
'S an old now most as him,
Close on to thirty year!

I know I'm gittin' old—
I know it by the cold,
From time 'at first frost lies,
Seems like—since John was here—
Winters is more severe;
And winter I despise!

And yet, it seems, some days,
John's here, with his odd ways,
Comes soon-like from the corn-
Field, callin' "Mother" at
Me—like he called me that—
"Pa" needn't be afraid!

Even 'fore Jim was born!
When Jim come—(La! how good
Was all the neighborhood!)—
And Doctor!—when I heard
Him joke John, kind of low,
Ain't say: Yes, folks could go—
"Pa" needn't be afraid!

When Jim comes—John says—
A-bendin' over me
And baby in the bed—
And jes us three, says 'e,
'Our little family!'
And that was all he said.

And cried jes like a child!
Kissed me again, and smiled,
'Cause I was cryin', too.
And here I am again
A-cryin', same as then—
Yet happy through and through.

The old home's most in mind
And joys long left behind!
Jim's little h'ist'n' crawl
Across the floor to where
John set a-rockin' there!
I'm gittin' old—that's all!

I'm gittin' old—no doubt!
Healthy as all git-out!
But, strangest thing I do,
I cry so easy now—
I cry jes anyhow

The fool tears wants me to!
But Jim he won't be told
'At "Mother's" gittin' old!
Hugged me, he did, and smiled
This morning, and bragged "shore"
He loved me even more

Then when he was a child
That's his way, but of John
Was here now, lookin' on,
H'd shorley know and see:
'But, "Mother," s'pect he'd say,
'S'pose you air gittin' gray,
You're younger yet than me!"

I'm gittin' old—because
Our young days, like they was,
Keeps comin' back—so clear,
'At little Jim, once more,
Comes h'ist'n' 'cross the floor
For John's old rockin' cheer!

Oh, beautiful!—to be
Agittin' old, like me!
Hey, Jim! Come in now, Jim!
Your supper's ready, dear!
(How much more, every year,
He looks and acts like him!)

AT THE TOURNEY.

"Calgarians must be a thirsty lot," muttered a man on the links at the close of the golf tournament on Monday, "they have even robbed us of most of our cups."
"Only by way of a loan," I answered. "I think you'll find we'll recover them in a year's time," and indeed if I did grab a bit last week and announced in rather vain-glorious fashion that "Edmonton could more than hold her own with the city to the south of us—despite results—I still stand to my guns."

Golf as you know is the most contrarian, uncertain, fascinating, aggravating game that ever lured a sensible crowd of men and women to follow in its mazes. I have learned a lot about the royal sport during the recent tourney. For instance a man who makes a shockingly bad score would never dream of suggesting, nor must you, (that his play is hardly what might be termed "good"; get wise, our friend is only a bit "off" in his game.)—delightful all-embracing term—and is not to be judged by any specific record. If on the other hand, he goes one better than the distinguished and highly revered Col. Bogy you must not express surprise, the correct attitude at this time is to merely assume that your friend is playing in his usual fine form. Oh but there are many pitfalls for the unwary in this game of games, believe me, many revelations of character that would astound you! But I think one error we can all avoid is, betraying too great an interest in the play of any member of our individual families. There lies the greatest snare, I know all about it; your husband may be all you say he is, "long-suffering, patient, a darling—a wonder," still, take my advice don't get too near him on the links. I think perhaps it's the air, but somehow, somehow, when a man starts out with that queer little bag of sticks, a strange change comes over him, and the dignified manner of him comes for the time being possessed. At the first hole, where you have

followed him at his own urgent request, you will notice he commences the most extraordinary antics, first getting down on all fours to arrange his tee. Next he commences to smooth the green very elaborately with the back of his hand, addresses the ball a dozen times or more, only to delay again to remove several imaginary obstacles. Finally he is off, bravo! Oh but heavens he has missed it! You begin to feel uncomfortable, well you might, even now your patient husband is fixing you with a look of ineffable resignation and is asking "Why will you women venture on a golf course?"

He, too only three minutes ago would take no refusal, even though you have despairingly suggested that you "know what he is when he's playing a game!" The next stroke is even more disastrous and you begin to gaze longingly into vacancy. Where now is your "darling" and who is this primitive creature who taunts you with your malicious hatred of himself and your designing gloating over this defeat? Who is this who accuses your friend of being a "saucy man" and yourself a Jonah? Your angel, dear, gone golf mad!

No need now to gather up your skirts and flee to the shelter of the club verandah; if you were not so, you would never have left it, the harm's done, and you might better follow him round, and mutter the conventional "hard luck, and" "try another stroke" it's a brute of a lie to get into.

Golf madness is happily only a temporary insanity and vanishes even as a cup of tea. It were not so, we women would speedily organize a "No Golf" club agitation and add yet one more to the problems of the day.

Having, as you see, gleaned a deal of golf wisdom during the recent tourney, I know, if Edmonton did lose the majority of the events we were only "lead off our game" and are in no wise to be considered inferior to our opponents. Call us rather unfortunate, term it the fortune of war, we hope to do better next time. Perhaps too, we were inclined to treat Calgary generously; one can't hope to have the Parliament buildings, the model Penitentiary of the continent, the University and the golf championship. With all the good-will in the world we speeded the coveted cups down the line. "Long may the best men and women win" say we all; but all the same we secured return baggage checks good for one year.

But to return to the links themselves and the King's wear that graced the long-to-be-remembered opening day. If one could have had one's wildest dream gratified who of us could have conjured up such a perfect day of days? It was a Friday at that—the day of ill-luck.

Say what you will, the sun did us proud, and smiled down such a cheery greeting upon the scene sent the contestants off with high hopes and the determination to do and dare.

When I reached the head of the Tenth street hill the links were already dotted with players; trig white suits and scarlet sweaters, standing out in pretty fashion against the green of the grass, and the exquisite background of russet and gold, brown and crimson. To the south was a delightful view of the sparkling swiftly-flowing waters of the Saskatchewan; to the north a parterre of exquisitely tinted autumn trees with some of the fine new west end residences peeping out with striking effect. "I wonder," said I to myself, "if there was ever anything fairer than this heavenly day and the view from this hill-top," and I was to have my answer sooner than I expected, in no uncertain way, a day or so later.

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be. The game was young yet however, and hopes were high for ultimate victory for the home club. The afternoon's play unfortunately hardly brightened matters, plainly Calgary had some players worth any opponent's steel. In the meantime they were proving themselves jolly good fellows personally and the intervening hours before our English cousin enjoys her cup of tea were a delightful dallying away of a perfect afternoon. A great many of the spectators followed the contestants around the course while others were content to bask in the sun or the club house verandah, and await the return of the players to learn how the game went.

At the tea hour the day's events were practically finished, and everyone enjoyed a social hour in the best of spirits.

Among those in attendance at the links I noticed Mrs. Braithwaite, Mrs. St. George Jellett, Miss Fielders, Mrs. McPherson, Miss Supple, Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Farquharson, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Swaisland, Mrs. Sydney Woods, Miss Brown, Mrs. Thibault, Miss Gascoigne, Mrs. Frank Somerville, Miss Supple, Miss Whitney, Mrs. Morris, Miss Bishop, Miss Matheson, Mrs. Scobie, Mrs. Clarke of Calgary in a trig golfing skirt and smart skirt waist, and Miss Cardell, another Calgary competitor, a striking looking girl in an immaculate linen costume. At five o'clock Miss Eleanor Taylor and Miss Mary Harris did the honors of the tea table. I noticed later Mrs. Smith of Up-down and Miss Connie Rhodes driving to the course, Miss Rhodes looking remarkably pretty.

Among the men folk who either entered the events or watched the play were: Mr. Simpson and Dr. Cobbett, two cracking golf players and great enthusiasts, Mr. Graham who plays a brilliant game when he has a mind to and is "on his game," Mr. Supple who is well up in the list, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Grainger, Mr. McLeod, who played a fine, consistent game, Mr. Cardell, of Calgary, Mr. Downey, one of the southern city's crack players, Mr. Govan, who looks to be a mere boy but who later won the championship, after the most brilliant exhibition of golf ever seen on the local links. Mr. Govan is, I believe, a young Scotchman who was born with a golf stick in his hand. At any rate he has played "golf" since he can remember, and has done some pretty work on the historic links of old St. Andrew's. I heard later that Mr. Hague of Calgary who only remained in town between trains and who won first place in the Calgary tournament, was considered by some of the best local players to out-class anything even seen here. Unfortunately he was unable to remain in the city long enough to play in the finals.

At Saturday, the weather man behaved in a mischievous way, effectively dampening a good many "ten golfers' enthusiasm. The hill to the links may be a poem of exquisite coloring when the sun shines, but deliver me from the same poem as a toboggan slide in wet weather, and so while the enthusiasts all flocked to the flats and went the rounds irrespective of a drenching the most of us hugged our grate fires and wondered if ever we too would catch the golf fever.

But Monday—Monday the fields, Monday that tricked us all into such a motley of costumes as would have made a sphinx smile, Monday found us again seated around the festive luncheon board, as merry a party as ever fore-gathered at the little club of happy memory.

For the most part the single events had been taught and learned, remained only the four-somes, which are never so nerve racking, if I am to believe those who profess to know.

Around the table there was an air of abandonment and light-heartedness that contrasted pleasantly with the tension and half-distracted attention of the opening day.

"After all, what does it matter whether one win or lose, so that one night well," said a wise man who was busy talking out the sand.

"It's easy to see you aren't a golfer," retorted a woman who loves a hard fight and who would sooner have kept the McKay cups in their home town.

And yet the best of feeling prevailed, Mrs. Clarke being on all sides most warmly congratulated.

Mrs. McPherson, too, was deluged with congratulations and Mrs. Bishop who gave Mrs. Clarke such a hard fight for the championship had any number of supporters who still held to it that another time would see her capturing the coveted trophy.

One of the guests of honor at the luncheon was Dr. McKay, who presented the beautiful cup for the ladies competition. With him came Mrs. Mackay who has an interesting spectator of the putting competition late in the afternoon. The Dr. is an old golfer and chatted pleasantly with the greatest enthusiasm about "golf" past and present, recalling the fact that when he swung the sticks the balls were made of leather. "Fine balls they made too," he added.

Congratulating Mrs. Clarke he said he was more than happy to have the pleasure of presenting her with the cup, at the same time feeling a wee bit sorry, as was natural, to see it go out of Edmonton.

In the afternoon the four-somes were just being beautifully arranged

and the putting competition was in full swing when the thunder gave a few premonitory rolls and the floods descended. Away "putt" the "putters," men and women, in wild haste for the club house but the staunch, not-to-be-conquered fore-somes stood their ground and slashed along in quite duckish fashion around the long course. Those lady players who were near the lockers came in and swapped their smart jackets and fine head gear for fearful and wonderful male coats and caps and thus accoutred tramped out again like the jolly good sports they were, but others, less fortunate, who were half way round the links came in looking for all the world like drowned rats. Oh, but it was fun! and never during the three days play did a jollier crowd frolic together than the one looking party who supped tea and handled funny experiences on the closing afternoon.

I might describe some of the costumes but I couldn't possibly hope to do so, though I thought that there were many striking figures seen, but to appreciate them you had to be there. Among others present at the merry finale was Judge Scott whom the ladies, with reprehensible partisanship declared "ought" to have won the putting event, and questioned "why" said "because he was such a dear," a woman's reason—and "had beaten his man in the singles." Illogical woman!

In the centre of the club sitting-room the prizes were arranged on a large table and were tremendously admired. Dr. McKay's cups and Judge Scott's coming in for special mention, while the Edmonton Brewing Co.'s, and the Hudson Bay's were very handsome. At six, prize laden, and in every variety of garb, which could hardly be said to have received Dame Fashion's sanction, everyone tumbled into the nearest carriage or "hroughman" that offered, and departed declaring that the tournament had been the "best ever" in the history of Alberta, that the committee were "trumps" and the ladies "jewels," that everyone and everything had been perfectly lovely and that come rain or come a deluge.

"It's always fair weather when good fellows get together." And driving up the hill a wonderful picture unfolded itself, of a sudden the rain burst out, the hills became living burning gold, a great arch of blue swung over the "St. Andrew's Corde" it seemed to say, in a glorious land of peace and plenty "lift up your heart."

When the shades of night had fallen the golf club gathered at Mr. and Mrs. St. George Jellett's hospitable home for a dance and cards, a happy ending for a memorable occasion.

Mrs. Jellett received her guests in a handsome black lace robe over a tulle dress, and her duties as hostess by Miss Fielders, most becomingly frocked in mauve silk, Miss Alice Fielders, who looked a perfect picture in white silk cologne with a number necklace and a knot of yellow flowers on the corsage, the genial host Mr. St. George Jellett, and the sturdy young son of the house. Dancing took place in the drawing room, the floor being in perfect condition, while a number played "Bridge" in the cosy library.

Altho' many of the members must have been pretty well fagged after a three days' arduous play, there was no lack of enthusiasm visible as the seemingly enjoying themselves to the utmost.

Mrs. Clarke of Calgary was looking very smart and attractive in a ribbon dress and a robe over satin, with velvet embroidered flowers. Mrs. Lowe wore black crepe de chine with an iridescent sequined "berthe," and a number necklace. Mrs. Biggar in lovely pale blue crepe de chine made empire fashion, with Rose Point berthe and a little blue ribbon wreath in her hair was decidedly one of the prettiest young matrons present. Miss Crosskill in white lace over tulle with a cameo necklace, was very sweet and much admired. Mrs. Anderson in a lovely lace frock over pink, all tiny lace frills and chiffon flounces, with a beautiful coral necklace looked like a dainty Dresden figure. Her guest, Miss Gray of Ottawa, wore a charming dress of mauve figured organdie, Val lace and soft Liberty satin ribbons, a pretty girlish frock and eminently becoming.

Miss Pilot was handsome in rich black with cream lace garniture, and Miss White wore lettuce green, a simple figured organdie that became her to a nicety, Miss Hughes in becoming soft grey, and Miss Thompson in white were others who looked very well.

At midnight a dainty supper was served and shortly afterwards the guests flitted for home, many of them to rest up for the dance on the morning.

Mrs. Cautley of Belton Lodge received for the first time this season on Tuesday last, and will be at home during the season on her former reception days the second and fourth Tuesdays.

Mrs. James, wife of the former general manager of the C.N.R., who went a few days in town at the beginning of the week, was seen in a dress of a most enjoyable "Bridge" of three tables given by Mrs. Joseph Morris on Wednesday evening, the hostess receiving in a

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smart black and white check costume trimmed with some handsome lace, and the guest of honor being beautifully frocked and looking very charming in brown silk.

After a delightfully enjoyable evening's play Miss Cardell captured the dainty crown derby prize.

A delicious light supper followed, and as goes without saying where a popular a hostess is concerned the guests departed declaring it to have been a lovely party.

Mr. and Mrs. Pardee arrived home from the east on Monday morning and were accompanied by Miss Elsie Gooderham of Toronto, a very sweet looking girl, who will make them a visit.

Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane and little Bobby Harrison left on Monday morning for a short camp at Cooking Lake. Mrs. Mays and Miss Dorothy Somerville are still out at Mrs. Cooper's cottage and are enjoying the outing immensely.

Miss Gascoigne and Miss Rudolf visit to Madame Thibault this summer leave on Tuesday for their homes, much to everyone's regret.

Mrs. Silas begs to announce that she has just received a consignment of hand embroidered grass lawn and dress material from China and cordially invites the ladies of Edmonton to 425 Twelfth street where same may be obtained.

Mrs. Buley will receive on Thursday of next week, the third Thursday in the month, according to her usual custom.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Buley entertained at dinner on Wednesday when the following were present: Chief Justice Sifton, Mr. Justice Scott, Mr. Justice Harvey, Mr. Justice Beck, Mr. H. A. Conroy, Indian Treaty Commissioner, Miss Babbitt, Mr. G. H. Babbitt.

The High River Times contains an account of a social event in that town held in honor of Mrs. J.R. Anderson, who was a popular visitor to Edmonton last winter as the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. S. P. Jackson, and who is removing to Lethbridge, where her husband has been promoted to the management of the Union Bank. A farewell dinner was given a week ago Friday evening, the arrangements for which were very complete, an orchestra from Calgary being present. On the previous evening, Mr. Anderson's

friends gathered together and presented him with a purse of \$200. The presentation was made by Mr. Harry Baines and others who spoke were Mr. Vibert, inspector of the Union Bank, Mr. Poolley of the Commerce, Mr. McLeod of the Northern, Mr. Gigot, Mr. Anderson's successor in High River, Mr. Charles Clark, Mr. P. D. Bowden, Mr. R. A. Wallace, ex-M.P., Mr. E. Varley, Mr. A. A. Ballachey, Dr. Bevington and others.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Blaylock have returned to Calgary from a three months' tour in Europe. A two weeks' stay was made in London, after which Edinburgh was visited. Mr. and Mrs. Blaylock also travelled extensively on the continent, devoting considerable time to Germany and Spain.

Wednesday afternoon found a stream of smartly frocked women wending their way up Sixth street to Mrs. Farquharson's cozy residence, where she was "at home" at the tea hour to a very large number of friends. Ideal weather prevailed and the guests had donned their prettiest costumes to grace the occasion.

Mrs. Farquharson received at the entrance to the drawing room, which was beautifully arranged with many lovely flowers and exquisitely tinted Autumn leaves, wearing a very becoming frock of shimmery pale blue silk with quantities of knife pleated chiffon and lace.

Throughout the room a number of women recently returned from their holidays were busy exchanging greetings and gossip. Among them I noticed Mrs. Buley looking decidedly stronger than when she went away, and becomingly gowned in a white serge tailor made, and black hat with pink accents. Mrs. Ferris in a trig brown suit and smart green hat with long coque's plumes. Mrs. Cross daintily lovely in a fetching black and white toilette with a large mushroom hat. Mrs. Smith of Up-down in a very stylish white serge suit with tiny black stripes, and a stunning hat. Mrs. Jack Anderson in the prettiest suit of pale blue broadcloth with Persian embroidery, her friend, Miss Mary Gray, very sweet and dainty in a soft figured frock with large white picture hat. Miss Graves in a suit of bottle green with a jaunty little hat.

In the tearoom Mrs. Braithwaite and Mrs. Gray presided. A farewell dinner was being strikingly done in a color scheme of brilliant red, a flat dish of scarlet garlands decorating the table with a veritable wall of smilax, while four tall vases were disposed

at the four corners. The light from a softly shaded electrolier shed a pretty radiance over all making it very hard for one to tear oneself away.

Among the pleasant events of the past week was the Lacrosse Club dance on Wednesday evening, when a merry crowd of dancers enjoyed to the full the always attractive programme of a fine floor, good music and the partners of their choice.

On the platform green and white ribbons and pyramids of lacrosse sticks brought the promoters of the happy affair well to mind. At midnight the club ranged themselves on the stage when the Hon. Mr. Cross made a neat little speech of congratulation and presented each of the "boys" with a handsome gold medal amid hearty applause. All the arrangements were very well carried through and the Lacrosse Club have every reason to be proud of their first annual ball.

Conspicuous among many lovely frocks and pretty women were: Mrs. Cross, never daintier or more attractive than in a stunning Paris frock of pale blue crepe de chine with exquisite garniture, and a magnificent necklace of pearls and rubies. Mrs. Pardee in handsome white lace with red roses on the corsage, Mrs. Biggar, the essence of chic in black net with a knot of scarlet on the decollete, Miss Gooderham very sweet and much admired in soft grey with a wreath of violets in her fair hair, Miss Whitney in her favorite shade of pale green with a wreath of tiny satin shamrocks in her beautifully arranged coiffure, Miss Cardell wonderfully winsome in a pink figured Pompadour silk, Miss Supple

always one of the prettiest partners, genuinely lovely in pale blue crepe de chine and blue forget-me-nots in her hair, Mrs. Thibault, who brought her sister, Miss Gascoigne, the first one of the most popular young matrons in lovely white satin and filmy lace berthe with a gold French bow in her hair, Miss Gascoigne tall and striking in a smart frock of lavender silk; Mrs. Joseph Morris whose dancing might well make any girl envious, in white chiffon and Val lace; Mrs. Duncan Smith decidedly handsome in black and white embroidered chiffon over white tulle, and Mrs. Frank Somerville in pretty figured voile, with pink ribbon garniture.

On account of the pressure on space, a notice of Madame Thibault's tea on Monday afternoon is held over till next week.

Mrs. H. J. Dawson entertains at "Bridge" this (Friday) evening.

Mrs. A. M. Campbell of Lacombe is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Joslin, Seventh street.

Mr. W. S. Hurst, assistant manager of the Acme Co. has recently moved with his family from Syndicate Ave. to No. 777 Sixth street. Mrs. Hurst will receive next Tuesday, 15th inst and thereafter on 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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